

Good Will Not Score Red Hope

NEW YORK (UPI)—Good will, not necessarily a good score, is the chief aim of Russia's championship men's and women's basketball teams which make their American debut at Madison Square Garden tonight against U.S. contingents.

Stepan Spandaryan, coach of the Soviet men's team, said he would not make any predictions as to the outcome, but added, "there is much more at stake than the score."

"It is good," he said, "to learn

that our peoples understand each other although we speak different languages."

The Russian men's team will meet an American amateur team composed mainly of the Phillips Oilers of the National Industrial League in the second game of a doubleheader. The National AAU women's champions from Wayland (Tex.) College plus two girls each from Iowa Wesleyan and Nashville Business College face the Soviet women in the nightcap.

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TAM LEADER—Jim eyes the basket during a practice session at Imbler High School. Beck, a football veteran, is one of six lettermen back to greet Coaches Carroll Cone and Jim Alexander in their first year. Beck is 5-9 and veteran of three previous seasons in a Panther uniform.

Imbler's Basketball 'Fortunes' Going Up

By NEIL ANDERSEN
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IMBLER (Special) — Imbler's basketball fortunes are going up. The Panthers finished last in the Tu-Valley league last year and Coaches Carroll Cone and Jim Alexander are doing their best to see it won't happen again.

Six lettermen were on hand to greet Cone and Alexander who are starting their first year as hoop coaches at Imbler. Four of the returning veterans are beginning their fourth season of basketball at the school.

Jim Beck (5-9) a versatile athletic performer who will perform at both center and guard leads the group. Joe Westenskow (5-10), Bob Brookshire (5-10) and Merrill Gerham (5-5) are the other three three year vets.

Also returning are Dallas Craig (5-9) who earned a letter last year as a sophomore and sophomore letterman Larry McKinnis (5-11).

The Panthers have experience and speed but lack height to combat some of the teams that form the six team loop. Tallest man on the squad is Ed Johnson (6-1). Johnson is senior with two years of junior varsity, experience to his credit. The 215 pound footballer will have to provide the strength under the backboards if Imbler is to have a good season.

Another junior candidate Larry Leddy (5-6) saw both JV and varsity action last year and can be counted on to perform frequently for the Panthers. Ardell Pugh (5-6) and Fred Behrens (5-6) complete the squad.

Cone hopes that the Panther speed will pay off in wins for them this year. Beck is a speedy

halfback and Brookshire also has good speed. The scoring punch will have to stem from Beck, Westenskow, Brookshire, Gerham and Craig, all tested performers.

The big surprise for Imbler could be the showing of McKinnis. The adept second year man could provide Imbler with some unexpected scoring punch and back

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By United Press International

Wilt Chamberlain has cleared the last obstacle in beating the best in the National Basketball Association.

The Philadelphia flooper scored 45 points and shared 35 rebounds as he outgamed Bill Russell and the Boston Celtics, 123-113, Wednesday night. Russell and company had beaten the Warriors in their only previous meeting.

In other league action, the St. Louis Hawks defeated the Detroit Pistons, 104-97, and the Syracuse Nationals downed the Minneapolis Lakers, 100-93.

Towering Chamberlain took over second place from ailing Elgin Baylor of Minneapolis in the scoring parade with a total of 505 points. The Stilt is only 45 points back of front-running Jack Twyman of Cincinnati.

Chamberlain also tied a Boston

Garden record with 19 field goals in the second quarter as Philadelphia swept to a 63-52 halftime lead. Boston narrowed the margin to 116-111 in the fourth quarter, but Chamberlain went on another scoring tear to put the game on ice.

Sam Jones paced Boston with

20 points. Russell, bothered by an ankle injury and five personal fouls, missed a heavy portion of the second half. He had 15 points and 13 rebounds.

Bob Pettit, defending NBA scoring champion, sent the Hawks into a first place tie with Detroit in the Western Division as he paced St. Louis to an early 34-18 lead. The Pistons, gaining ground in each period, closed to three points in the last quarter but couldn't sustain their drive. Gene Shue led Detroit with 22 points.

Syracuse waited until the last five minutes to beat the Lakers. A pair of free throws by George

Yardley and another by Bob Hopkins broke an 11-11 tie and sent the Nats on to victory. Red Kerr had 23 points for a Syracuse high. Larry Foust scored 21 for Minneapolis.

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(Only games scheduled)

board strength. Cone rates McKinnis as a real corner in the league.

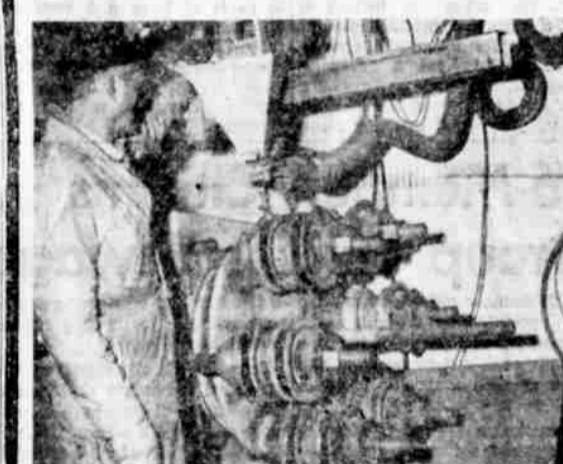
Cone rates the team attitude as an essential factor in the success of the 1959 Panther team.

"The boys can play ball if they want to. If they produce they can show up well against any team they play," Cone said.

The Panther schedule for pre-season games is incomplete. They will play in the pre-season tourney scheduled for Wallowa Dec. 5 in their opening game.

The schedule:
Home games: Joseph, Jan. 9; North Powder, Jan. 22; Wallowa, Jan. 29; Union, Feb. 5; Cove, Feb. 13.

Road games: Tournament, Wallowa, Dec. 5; Wallowa, Jan. 8; Union, Jan. 15; Cove, Jan. 23; Joseph, Jan. 30; Powder, Feb. 12.



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